

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION
CASE NO. 0:24-cv-62166

ANDREE CAMPBELL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MASSAGE SPA AND FACIALS, LLC,
d/b/a SILENT MOMENT,
a Florida Limited Liability Company,

Defendant.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff ANDREE CAMPBELL, by and through undersigned counsel, sues Defendant MASSAGE SPA AND FACIALS, LLC, d/b/a SILENT MOMENT, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and alleges as follows:

1. This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief, attorney's fees, costs, and litigation expenses for unlawful disability discrimination in violation of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§12181-12189 ("ADA"), as amended, and 28 C.F.R. Part 36.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this case based on federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §1331, and the provisions of the ADA. Plaintiff seeks declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202.

3. Venue is proper in this Court as all actions complained of herein and injuries and damages suffered occurred in the Southern District of Florida.

4. Plaintiff ANDREE CAMPBELL is a resident of Broward County, Florida, is sui juris, and is disabled as defined by the ADA and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C.

§12101 (“ADAAA”).

5. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times, has been blind and visually disabled in that Plaintiff suffers from retinopathy, which is a permanent eye and medical condition that substantially and significantly impairs her vision and limits her ability to see. Plaintiff thus is substantially limited in performing one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, seeing, accurately visualizing her world, and adequately traversing obstacles. As such, she is a member of a protected class under the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12102(1)-(2), the regulations implementing the ADA set forth at 28 CFR §§36.101, *et seq.*, and 42 U.S.C. §3602(h). Plaintiff further is an advocate of the rights of similarly situated disabled persons and is a “tester” for the purposes of asserting her civil rights and monitoring, ensuring, and determining whether places of public accommodation and/or their respective and associated websites are in compliance with the ADA and any other applicable disability laws, regulations, and ordinances.

6. Based on a 2010 U.S. Census Bureau report, approximately 8.1 million people in the United States are visually impaired, including 2.0 million who are blind.

7. Because she is blind, Plaintiff cannot use her computer without the assistance of appropriate and available auxiliary aids, screen reader software, and/or other technology and assistance. Screen reader software translates the visual internet into an auditory equivalent. At a rapid pace, the software reads the content of a webpage to the user. “The screen reading software uses auditory cues to allow a visually impaired user to effectively use websites. For example, when using the visual internet, a seeing user learns that a link may be ‘clicked,’ which will bring him to another webpage, through visual cues, such as a change in the color of the text (often text is turned from black to blue). When the sighted user's cursor hovers over the link, it changes from an arrow symbol to a hand. The screen reading software uses auditory -- rather than visual -- cues to relay this same information. When a sight impaired individual reaches a link that may be ‘clicked on,’

the software reads the link to the user, and after reading the text of the link says the word ‘clickable.’...Through a series of auditory cues read aloud by the screen reader, the visually impaired user can navigate a website by listening and responding with his keyboard.” *Andrews v. Blick Art Materials, LLC*, 286 F.Supp.3d 365, 374 (E.D.N.Y.2017).

8. Defendant is a Florida Limited Liability Company authorized to do business and doing business in the State of Florida. Defendant owns, operates, and/or controls 4 U.S.-based spa centers that provide a variety of beauty and relaxation services, including massages, skincare treatments, and cosmetic enhancements, including the spa Plaintiff intended to patronize in the near future (and as early as November and/or early December 2024), which is located at 3908 North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308.

9. Plaintiff’s blindness limits Plaintiff in the performance of major life activities, including sight, and Plaintiff requires assistive technologies, auxiliary aids, and services for effective communication, including communication in connection with her use of a computer.

10. Plaintiff frequently accesses the internet. Because Plaintiff is blind, to effectively communicate and comprehend information available on the internet and thereby access and comprehend websites, Plaintiff uses commercially available screen reader software to interface with the various websites.

11. At all times material hereto, Defendant was and still is an organization that owns, operates, and/or controls 4 U.S.-based spa centers under the name “Silent Moment”. Each “Silent Moment” spa is open to the public. As the owner, operator, and/or controller of these spa centers, Defendant is defined as a place of “public accommodation” within the meaning of the ADA per 42 U.S.C. §12181(7)(E) and 28 C.F.R. §36.104(5).

12. Because Defendant is a location open to the public, each of Defendant’s physical locations is a place of public accommodation subject to the requirements of the ADA, 42 U.S.C.

§12182, §12181(7), and its implementing regulations, 28 C.F.R. Part 36.

13. Defendant also owns, controls, maintains, and/or operates an adjunct website, <https://www.silentmomentspa.com/> (the “Website”). Some functions of the Website are: to provide the public information on the locations, hours and contact details of Defendant’s spa centers, present various spa services, including massages, facials, body treatments, skincare solutions and wellness packages tailored to various needs and preferences. In addition, the Website allows users to explore detailed information on each service, including duration and pricing, select a specialist for specific services, book appointments, purchase memberships for exclusive benefits and savings, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the “About” section, read customers` reviews, purchase gift cards for spa services, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news.

14. The Website also services Defendant’s physical locations by detailed information on available services, membership options, special offers, and other information that Defendant is interested in communicating to its customers.

15. Because the Website allows the public the ability to secure information about the locations of Defendant’s spa centers, services and their prices, select a location for booking, choose an expert for specific services, book appointments online, purchase memberships for exclusive benefits and savings, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the “About” section, read customers` reviews, purchase gift cards for spa services, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news, the Website has a nexus to, and is an extension of and gateway to, the goods, services, privileges, and advantages of Defendant’s physical locations, which are places of public accommodation under the ADA. As an extension of and service,

privilege, and advantage provided by a place of public accommodation as defined under the ADA, the Website is an extension of the services, privileges, and advantages made available to the general public by Defendant at and through its brick-and-mortar locations and businesses. Furthermore, the Website is a necessary service and privilege of Defendant's physical locations in that, it acts as a critical point of sale for the locations, it enables users of the Website to make purchases of Defendant's services that is also available for purchase in, from, and through its physical locations.

16. Because the public can find information about the locations, hours and contact details of Defendant's physical locations, explore detailed information on each service, including duration and pricing, select a specialist for specific services, book appointments, purchase memberships for exclusive benefits and savings, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the "About" section, read customers' reviews, purchase gift cards for spa services, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news, the Website is an extension of, and gateway to the physical locations, which are places of public accommodation pursuant to the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12181(7)(E). As such, the Website is a necessary service, privilege, and advantage of Defendant's brick-and-mortar locations that must comply with all requirements of the ADA, must not discriminate against individuals with visual disabilities, and must not deny those individuals the same full and equal access to and enjoyment of the goods, services, privileges, and advantages afforded the non-visually disabled public both online and in the physical locations.

17. At all times material hereto, Defendant was and still is an organization owning, operating, and/or controlling the Website. Since the Website is open to the public through the internet, by this nexus the Website is an intangible service, privilege, and advantage of Defendant's brick-and-mortar locations that must comply with all requirements of the ADA, must not discriminate against individuals with visual disabilities, and must not deny those individuals the

same full and equal access to and enjoyment of the goods, services, privileges, and advantages as are afforded the non-visually disabled public both online and in the physical locations. As such, Defendant has subjected itself and the Website to the requirements of the ADA.

18. Plaintiff is and/or has been a customer who is interested in patronizing, and intends to patronize in the near future once the Website's access barriers are removed or remedied (and as early as November and/or early December 2024), Defendant's physical location located at 3908 North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, and to search for brick-and-mortar locations that are in closest proximity to Plaintiff, explore detailed information on each service, including duration and pricing, select a specialist for specific services, book an appointment, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the "About" section, read customers' reviews, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news. In the alternative, Plaintiff intends to monitor the Website in the near future (and as early as November and/or early December 2024) as a tester to ascertain whether it has been updated to interact properly with screen reader software.

19. The opportunity to find information about the locations, hours and contact details of Defendant's wellness centers, explore detailed information on each service, including duration and pricing, select a specialist for specific services, book an appointment, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the "About" section, read customers' reviews, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news, and more from Plaintiff's home are important and necessary accommodations for Plaintiff because traveling outside of Plaintiff's home as a blind individual is often a difficult, hazardous, frightening, frustrating, and confusing experience. Defendant has not provided its business information in any other digital format that is accessible for use by blind and visually disabled individuals using screen reader software.

20. Like many consumers, Plaintiff accesses a number of websites at a time to help plan her store visits and to compare services, prices, services, sales, discounts, and promotions. Plaintiff may look at several dozen websites to compare features, discounts, services, promotions, and prices.

21. Beginning in October 2024, Plaintiff attempted on a number of occasions to utilize the Website to browse through the services and online offers to educate herself as to the services, and special offers being offered, learn about the brick-and- mortar locations, search for brick-and-mortar spa centers that are in closest proximity to Plaintiff, check spa hours, and check service pricing with the intent to book an appointment. Plaintiff also attempted to access and utilize the Website in her capacity as a tester to determine whether it was accessible to blind and visually disabled persons such as herself who use screen reader software to access and navigate company websites.

22. Specifically, Plaintiff intended to find a local spa center to attend a massage session or a similar wellness therapy. On or about October 7, 2024, Plaintiff was searching for a local spa center, and using the keywords “spa services in Fort Lauderdale”, she discovered the Defendant’s website and decided to review their skincare services to select one suitable for her needs. Using the JAWS screen-reader, she attempted to navigate the site and explore its services, however, due to ambiguous link titles, unlabeled buttons and graphics, her navigation was inefficient. When she attempted to book an appointment, she could not complete the process because the date selector on the booking page was inaccessible. As a result, Plaintiff was unable to select and book an appointment for a service on the Defendant’s website.

23. Plaintiff utilizes available screen reader software that allows individuals who are blind and visually disabled to communicate with websites. However, Defendant’s Website contains access barriers that prevent free and full use by blind and visually disabled individuals

using keyboards and available screen reader software. These barriers are pervasive and include, but are not limited to:

- a. The landmark structure on the website was incorrectly defined. Due to repetitive landmark labels, it was difficult for Plaintiff to understand the page sections they led to. The navigation landmark was repeated twice on the home page;
- b. Heading hierarchy was not properly defined, and there were missing heading levels. As a result, quick navigation through headings on the website did not help Plaintiff effectively find the content of interest and understand the logical structure of the home page;
- c. The Navigation menu did not allow the repeated content to be expanded or collapsed, and when the sub-menu was collapsed, it expanded automatically after receiving focus;
- d. Prerecorded video-only found on the web page. Text transcript or audio track for a silent video was not provided and Plaintiff did not receive any information from the non-text content placed on the page;
- e. Non-interactive elements were marked up as keyboard-focusable elements (with `tabindex="0"` applied), making it unclear to Plaintiff what purpose these elements served, as they were not actually interactive and lacked appropriate role attributes. Furthermore, tabbing through the additional focusable elements required extra effort and time for Plaintiff to locate relevant content on the website. For example, the “What Makes Us Different” section received keyboard focus even though it was non-interactive, adding to the inefficiency of navigating the site;
- f. Interactive elements on the web page had inappropriate and non-descriptive names, making it difficult for Plaintiff to identify their purposes. For example, the tabs controlling the “What Makes Us Different” section had ambiguous labels, and the “Read More” buttons for expanding the customer reviews were announced simply as “Read More,” without additional context to specify the content they would reveal;
- g. The interactive elements on the web page did not announce their roles, making it difficult for Plaintiff to identify their purposes. For example, buttons for controlling the “What Makes Us Different” section and social media links were only announced as “clickable,” without further context;
- h. Several links had ambiguous text, making them unclear to Plaintiff. The lack of descriptive information about each link’s target and destination page made it difficult for Plaintiff to understand their purpose; for example, links labeled “Read More” and “See All” did not provide enough context;
- i. Plaintiff tried to follow social media links from the website and received no prior warning that the links opened new windows. As a result, Plaintiff unsuccessfully tried to use the “Back” function of the browser to go to the previous page and became disoriented;

- j. The icon that opens a video player on the page was used as a link but lacked appropriate alternative text. As a result, Plaintiff was not informed about the purpose of the graphic icon;
- k. Interactive elements that functioned as "buttons" were not programmatically defined correctly. Instead of using the appropriate "role" attribute, these elements were built with <a> tags. As a result, the screen reader software read the elements incorrectly, which confused Plaintiff due to receiving ambiguous information about the elements in focus. For example, a button that opened a video player was announced as a link, and buttons for selecting service categories on the booking page were also announced as links;
- l. Plaintiff encountered repetitive "book now" links that were announced separately from their context. These links did not provide helpful information and disoriented Plaintiff;
- m. Interactive elements on the website could not be accessed using the Tab key, and the website did not provide helpful instructions for navigating these elements with arrow keys. As a result, Plaintiff was unaware of certain interactive elements on the page. This issue affected buttons for controlling the carousel region, expanding questions in the FAQ section, and, most importantly, selecting booking dates;
- n. Links led to external websites without indicating that they were external, causing Plaintiff to become disoriented when directed to a different site. The link text did not provide legally blind customers with a warning about the significant change in context; for example, the "Get Directions" link;
- o. Plaintiff encountered interactive elements that did not announce their state, leaving a legally blind customer unaware of whether an element was activated or a feature was successfully selected. For example, tabs implemented as links for selecting service categories on the booking page did not indicate whether they were selected or not;
- p. Interactive elements were not programmatically associated with their labels, making it difficult for Plaintiff to understand their purpose. Because labels were not announced, Plaintiff could not identify the function of certain interactive elements on the page. For example, when selecting an expert's name for a service, the label "Select Your Provider" was not announced, so interactive elements listing the expert names lacked context and clarity without the associated label;
- q. Tabbing through active elements did not follow the correct order. After pressing the button to open the calendar on the booking page, the calendar was detached from the trigger button, and the keyboard focus did not shift to it, leaving Plaintiff unable to navigate the calendar efficiently.

24. Accordingly, Defendant's Website was incompatible with Plaintiff's screen reading software and keyboard.

25. The fact that Plaintiff could not communicate with or within the Website left

Plaintiff feeling excluded, frustrated, and humiliated, and gave Plaintiff a sense of isolation and segregation, as Plaintiff is unable to participate in the same shopping experience, with the same access to the services, sales, services, discounts, as provided at the Website and in the physical locations as the non-visually disabled public.

26. Plaintiff desires and intends, in the near future once the Website's access barriers are removed or remedied, to patronize Defendant's physical store located at 3908 North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, and to use the Website, but Plaintiff is presently unable to do so as Plaintiff is unable to effectively communicate with Defendant due to Plaintiff's blindness and the Website's access barriers. Alternatively, as a tester using screen reader software, Plaintiff is unable to effectively access, navigate, and communicate with Defendant through the Website due to Plaintiff's blindness and the Website's access barriers. Thus, Plaintiff and others who are blind and with visual disabilities will suffer continuous and ongoing harm from Defendant's intentional acts, omissions, policies, and practices as set forth herein unless properly enjoined by this Court.

27. Because of the nexus between Defendant's physical locations and the Website, and the fact that the Website clearly provides support for and is connected to Defendant's physical locations for its operation and use, the Website is an intangible service, privilege, and advantage of Defendant's brick-and-mortar locations that must comply with all requirements of the ADA, must not discriminate against individuals with disabilities, and must not deny those individuals the same full and equal access to and enjoyment of the goods, services, privileges, and advantages as afforded the non-visually disabled public both online and in the physical locations, which are places of public accommodation subject to the requirements of the ADA.

28. On information and belief, Defendant has not initiated a Web Accessibility Policy to ensure full and equal use of the Website by individuals with disabilities.

29. On information and belief, Defendant has not instituted a Web Accessibility Committee to ensure full and equal use of Website by individuals with disabilities.

30. On information and belief, Defendant has not designated an employee as a Web Accessibility Coordinator to ensure full and equal use of the Website by individuals with disabilities.

31. On information and belief, Defendant has not instituted a Web Accessibility User Accessibility Testing Group to ensure full and equal use of the Website by individuals with disabilities.

32. On information and belief, Defendant has not instituted a User Accessibility Testing Group to ensure full and equal use of the Website by individuals with disabilities

33. On information and belief, Defendant has not instituted a Bug Fix Priority Policy.

34. On information and belief, Defendant has not instituted an Automated Web Accessibility Testing program.

35. Defendant has not created and instituted a useful and effective Specialized Customer Assistance line or service or email contact mode for customer assistance for the visually disabled.

36. Defendant has not created and instituted on the Website a useful and effective page for individuals with disabilities, nor displayed a proper link and information hotline, nor created a proper information portal explaining when and how Defendant will have the Website, applications, and digital assets accessible to the visually disabled and/or blind communities.

37. The Website does not meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (“WCAG”) 2.2 Level AA or higher versions of web accessibility.

38. Defendant has not disclosed to the public any intended audits, changes, or lawsuits to correct the inaccessibility of the Website to visually disabled individuals who want the safety

and privacy of purchasing Defendant's services offered on the Website and in the physical locations from their homes.

39. Defendant thus has not provided full and equal access to, and enjoyment of, the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations provided by and through the Website and the physical locations in contravention of the ADA.

40. Public accommodations under the ADA must ensure that their places of public accommodation provide effective communication for all members of the general public, including individuals with visual disabilities such as Plaintiff.

41. The broad mandate of the ADA is to provide equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities to participate in and benefit from all aspects of American civic and economic life. That mandate extends to internet e-commerce websites such as the Website at issue in the instant action.

42. Defendant is, and at all relevant times has been, aware of the barriers to effective communication within the Website which prevent individuals with visual disabilities from the means to comprehend information presented therein.

43. Defendant is, and at all relevant times has been, aware of the need to provide full and equal access to all visitors to the Website.

44. The barriers that exist on the Website result in discriminatory and unequal treatment of individuals with visual disabilities, including Plaintiff.

45. Plaintiff has no plain, adequate, or complete remedy at law to redress the wrongs alleged hereinabove, and this suit for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief is her only means to secure adequate and complete redress from Defendant's unlawful and discriminatory practices in connection with the Website's access and operation.

46. Notice to Defendant is not required because of Defendant's failure to cure the violations.

47. Enforcement of Plaintiff's rights under the ADA is right and just pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202.

48. Plaintiff has retained the undersigned attorneys to represent her in this case and has agreed to pay them a reasonable fee for their services.

COUNT I – VIOLATION OF THE ADA

49. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 48 as if set forth fully herein.

50. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12181(7)(E), Defendant is a public accommodation under the ADA and thus is subject to the ADA.

51. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12181(7)(E), the Website is covered under the ADA because it provides the general public with the ability explore detailed information on each service, including duration and pricing, select a specialist for specific services, book appointments, purchase memberships for exclusive benefits and savings, contact the company via an online form, learn about the company in the "About" section, read customers' reviews, purchase gift cards for spa services, subscribe to an emailer to receive special offers and service updates, and read blog posts covering wellness tips, skincare insights, and company news. The Website thus is an extension of, gateway to, and intangible service, privilege, and advantage of Defendant's physical locations. Further, the Website serves to augment Defendant's physical locations by providing the public information about the locations and by educating the public as to Defendant's available services sold through the Website and in, from, and through the physical locations.

52. Under Title III of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(1)(A)(II), it is unlawful discrimination to deny individuals with disabilities or a class of individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodation, which is equal to the opportunities afforded to other individuals.

53. Specifically, under Title III of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(2)(A)(II), unlawful

discrimination includes, among other things, “a failure to make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, when such modifications are necessary to afford such goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to individuals with disabilities, unless the entity can demonstrate that making such modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of such goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations.”

54. In addition, under Title III of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(2)(A)(III), unlawful discrimination includes, among other things, “a failure to take such steps, as may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless the entity can demonstrate that taking such steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation being offered or would result in an undue burden.”

55. Defendant’s Website must comply with the ADA, but it does not as specifically alleged hereinabove and below.

56. Because of the inaccessibility of the Website, individuals with visual disabilities are denied full and equal access to, and enjoyment of, the goods, information, and services that Defendant has made available to the public on the Website and in the physical locations in violation of 42 U.S.C. §12101, *et seq*, and as prohibited by 42 U.S.C. §12182, *et seq*.

57. Further, Plaintiff has engaged an ADA website compliance expert herein, Robert D. Moody, to review Defendant’s Website and confirm that the issues that Plaintiff encountered on the Website do, in fact, exist and are, in fact, barriers to accessibility for the visually-impaired. Mr. Moody’s Expert Declaration is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit “A.”

58. More violations may be present on other pages of the Website, which can and will be determined and proven through the discovery process in this case.

59. Further, the Website does not offer or include the universal symbol for the disabled that would permit disabled individuals to access the Website's accessibility information and accessibility facts.

60. There are readily available, well-established guidelines on the internet for making websites accessible to the blind and visually disabled. These guidelines have been followed by other large business entities in making their websites accessible. Examples of such guidelines include, but are not limited to, ensuring that links and buttons are not ambiguously labeled, making sure that the roles of interactive elements are announced correctly by the screen reader, and that all interactive elements are keyboard-focusable. Incorporating such basic components to make the Website accessible would neither fundamentally alter the nature of Defendant's business nor would it result in an undue burden to Defendant.

61. Defendant has violated the ADA -- and continues to violate the ADA -- by denying access to the Website by individuals such as Plaintiff with visual disabilities who require the assistance of screen reader software to comprehend and access internet websites. Defendant has failed to take any prompt and equitable steps to remedy its discriminatory conduct. These violations within the Website are ongoing.

62. The ADA requires that public accommodations and places of public accommodation ensure that communication is effective.

63. According to 28 C.F.R. §36.303(b)(1), auxiliary aids and services include "voice, text, and video-based telecommunications products and systems". Indeed, 28 C.F.R. §36.303(b)(2) specifically states that screen reader software is an effective method of making visually delivered material available to individuals who are blind or have low vision.

64. According to 28 C.F.R. §36.303(c), public accommodations must furnish

appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities: “In order to be effective, auxiliary aids and services must be provided in accessible formats, in a timely manner, and in such a way as to protect the privacy and independence of the individual with a disability,” 28 C.F.R. §36.303(c)(1)(ii).

65. Part 36 of Title 28 of the C.F.R. was designed and is implemented to effectuate subtitle A of Title III of the ADA, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations, and requires places of public accommodation to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by Part 36.

66. As alleged hereinabove, the Website has not been designed to interface with the widely and readily available technologies that can be used to ensure effective communication and thus violates the ADA.

67. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s failure to provide an ADA compliant Website, with a nexus to its brick-and-mortar locations, Plaintiff has suffered an injury in fact by being denied full and equal access to, enjoyment of, and communication with Defendant’s Website and its physical locations.

68. Because of the inadequate development and administration of the Website, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12133 and 28 C.F.R. §36.303, to remedy the ongoing disability discrimination.

69. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12188, this Court is vested with the authority to grant Plaintiff appropriate and necessary injunctive relief, including an order to:

a) Require Defendant to adopt and implement a web accessibility policy to make publicly available, and directly link from the homepage of the Website, a functional statement of the Defendant’s policy to ensure persons with disabilities have full and equal access to and enjoyment

of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of the physical locations through the Website.

b) Require Defendant to take the necessary steps to make the Website readily accessible to and usable by blind and visually disabled users, and during that time period prior to the Website being made readily accessible, provide an alternative method for individuals with visual disabilities to access the information available on the Website until such time that the requisite modifications are made, and

c) Require Defendant to provide the appropriate auxiliary aids such that individuals with visual disabilities will be able to effectively communicate with the Website for purposes of viewing and locating Defendant's physical locations and becoming informed of and purchasing Defendant's services, and during that time period prior to the Website being designed to permit individuals with visual disabilities to effectively communicate, to provide an alternative method for individuals with visual disabilities to effectively communicate for such goods and services made available to the general public through the Website and in the physical locations.

70. Plaintiff is entitled to recover her reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses pursuant to the ADA. To that end, Plaintiff has been obligated to retain the undersigned counsel for the filing and prosecution of this action and has agreed to pay them a reasonable fee for their services.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests entry of judgment in her favor and against Defendant for the following relief:

- A. A declaration that Defendant's Website is in violation of the ADA;
- B. An Order requiring Defendant, by a date certain, to update the Website, and continue to monitor and update the Website on an ongoing basis, to remove barriers in order that

individuals with visual disabilities can access, and continue to access, the Website and effectively communicate with the Website to the full extent required by Title III of the ADA;

- C. An Order requiring Defendant, by a date certain, to clearly display the universal disabled logo within the Website, wherein the logo¹ would lead to a page which would state Defendant's accessibility information, facts, policies, and accommodations. Such a clear display of the disabled logo is to ensure that individuals who are disabled are aware of the availability of the accessible features of the Website;
- D. An Order requiring Defendant, by a date certain, to provide ongoing support for web accessibility by implementing a Website accessibility coordinator, a Website application accessibility policy, and providing for Website accessibility feedback to ensure compliance thereto;
- E. An Order directing Defendant, by a date certain, to evaluate its policies, practices and procedures toward persons with disabilities, for such reasonable time to allow Defendant to undertake and complete corrective procedures to its Website;
- F. An Order directing Defendant, by a date certain, to establish a policy of web accessibility and accessibility features for the Website to ensure effective communication for individuals who are visually disabled;
- G. An Order requiring, by a date certain, that any third-party vendors who participate on Defendant's Website to be fully accessible to the visually disabled;
- H. An Order directing Defendant, by a date certain and at least once yearly thereafter, to provide mandatory web accessibility training to all employees who write or develop



programs or code for, or who publish final content to, the Website on how to conform all web content and services with ADA accessibility requirements and applicable accessibility guidelines;

- I. An Order directing Defendant, by a date certain and at least once every three months thereafter, to conduct automated accessibility tests of the Website to identify any instances where the Website is no longer in conformance with the accessibility requirements of the ADA and any applicable accessibility guidelines, and further directing Defendant to send a copy of the twelve (12) quarterly reports to Plaintiff's counsel for review;
- J. An Order directing Defendant, by a date certain, to make publicly available and directly link from the Website homepage, a statement of Defendant's Accessibility Policy to ensure the persons with disabilities have full and equal enjoyment of the Website and shall accompany the public policy statement with an accessible means of submitting accessibility questions and problems;
- K. An award to Plaintiff of her reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses; and
- L. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

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